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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy to the DCI for the  
Intelligence Community

John:

The "hurry-up action" to brief the Senate Select Committee Staff for access to compartmented information before we were really prepared to do so, gives me some serious security concerns. It has been our experience that whenever we violate our own security procedures in order to give speedy service, we not only suffer ourselves from a security standpoint, but we tend to reduce the security concern of those individuals involved from outside the Agency.

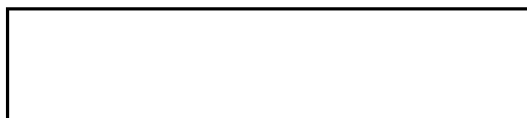
A good example of this occurred 15 April 1975 during the first compartmented briefing of several of the Senate Select Committee Staff. I recognize that you were under pressure to brief the Committee Staff that day, and eventually this Office succumbed to that pressure. The briefings were conducted without question and after the briefing we found that two of the people who were briefed were not certified for access to compartmented information by the Committee Staff. We also conducted this briefing in spite of some misgivings we had as to the language in the Secrecy Agreement.

In regard to our concern over the wording of the Secrecy Agreement, we are taking this up as a separate matter with the Office of General Counsel. Regarding our briefing of two staff members who were not certified as meeting DCID 1/14 requirements, I am asking Cal Davis to contact your Staff in an effort to obtain this certification after the fact.

I guess what I am asking here is a little better understanding and coordination in our security dealings with representatives of the Senate Select Committee. We would like to insure that we have time to do the necessary security processing before we are faced with the responsibility for briefing these individuals on compartmented information. We are perfectly willing to make any arrangements you want to insure that the

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Committee representatives are not inconvenienced and we are prepared to go wherever necessary to brief these individuals for access to compartmented information. All we really ask is a little time to properly carry out our security responsibilities. I suspect that if we take this time we will be much better off from a security standpoint and will enjoy a greater respect in the field of security from the Senate Select Committee representatives.



Charles W. Kane  
Director of Security

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George -

I sent this note to [redacted] based on a little problem we had in some of the compartmented briefings of members of the Senate Select Committee Staff. I am sending you a copy since the matter concerned Congressional staff personnel, and since I think you should understand our problem.

Please treat this as an informal note and not one for the record.

Charles W. Kane

3-4: I fully agree with Charles Kane. Recognizing that [redacted] is constantly under two pressures from the Select Committee Staff, I see no reason why Kane's plea for orderly and thorough security procedures should not be repeated. You may wish to talk to John about this.